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Council pleads for happy ending at golf course

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A handful of locals still want somebody to "say it ain't so."

Supporters of the Lighthouse Golf Course asked the West Sacramento at a special meeting Monday night to try to save the course, which appears doomed by its antiquated layout and troubled economics and by the attention of a new developer to the long-stalled housing project that surrounds the course.

The council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution to try to save the course.

Resident Sharon Yeargin was one of those who lobbied to save it.

"We played our round at Lighthouse today and it was lovely," she told the council. "I don't think this council wants to go down in history as the council that sold Lighthouse down the river. I think this council could go down in history as the council that saved it from the money-grubbers."

But the city heard the results of a report it had commissioned, saying that the course's design placed it too close to planned nearby houses, and the course's revenues were insufficient to keep it operational. And they heard from a representative of firm that just bought the Lighthouse development, the Stockton-based Grupe Company, who told them pretty much the same thing.

Grupe representative Shane Hart said that the long-planned upper-end Lighthouse development was stalled by high bond debt on the property, necessitating over $4 million in payments over the next couple of months alone. The development faced other "hidden" costs as well, he said.

And then there was the course's narrow design, penciled in the 1980s.

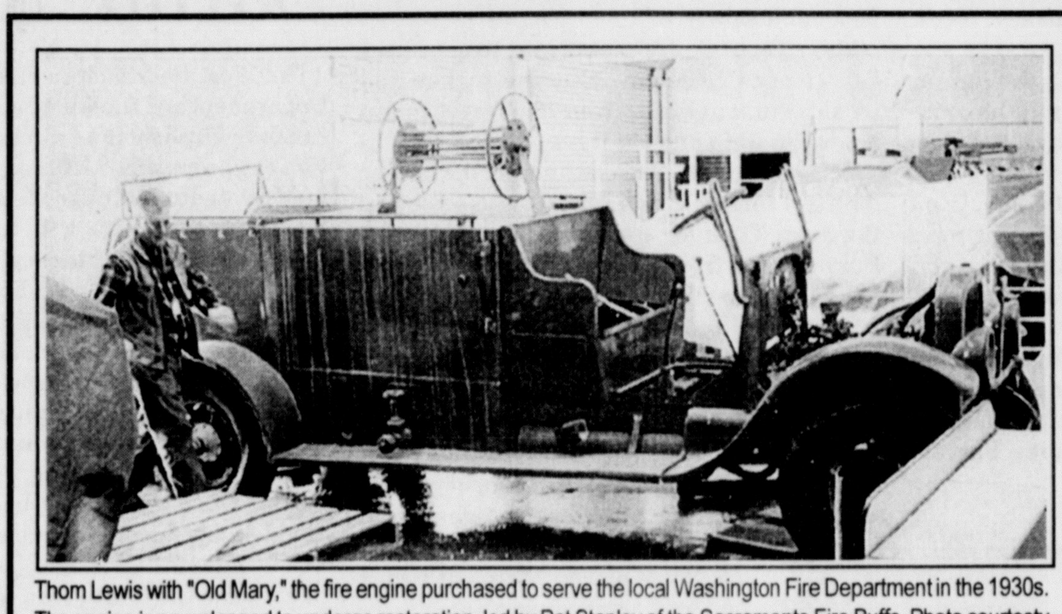
"Current standards call for a separation of 175 feet from the centerline of a hole to adjacent lots," said Hart. "Of the total 250 lots, 115 of them would violate that 175-foot separation standard (by being too close to the play).",

Turning the 18-hole course into a nine-hole course wouldn't work either, according to both the Grupe Company and the city-commissioned study.

"While a nine-hole course could fit within that environment," said Hart, "the typical revenue for a nine-hole course is less than half of that from an 18-round course, and it would not sell significantly more rounds."

The course would continue to struggle, said Hart.

Members of the city council admitted they were powerless to prevent the golf course from being eliminated, but voted 5-0 in favor of a resolution praising it as a valuable community asset that ought to be preserved.



Thom Lewis with "Old Mary," the fire engine purchased to serve the local Washington Fire Department in the 1930s. The engine is now planned to undergo restoration, led by Pat Stanley of the Sacramento Fire Buffs. Photo courtesty of the West Sacramento Historical Society.

Port ponders options: sale of land to city?

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Exciting and overdue changes may be in store for the Port of Sacramento, reports the port's chairman, Yolo County Supervisor Michael McGowan.

One item on the port commission's agenda for Monday is a closed-door item that seems to whisper a radica concept: a discussion of "terms and conditions" for a "transaction" involving "all non-maritime properties" owned by the port, and involving the City of West Sacramento.

McGowan said yesterday he didn't yet know exactly what this item entailed. But he said that sale of the port's hundreds of acres of non-waterfront land to the City of West Sacramento "could be looked at along with a whole host of other options to deal with the economic realities of the port."

Any such discussion on Monday, he said, would be very tentative.

The Port of Sacramento has lost money in recent years. But McGowan said that the regional governments who control the West Sacramento-based port may finally be paying attention to the port and its problems.

"There is a distinct possibility – maybe even a probability – that several things are going to happen at the port," said McGowan. "We are going to see a change in governance, with West Sacramento possibly getting another seat on the commission, and a greater level of attention from other regional appointing authorities."

He added that the port's governors plan to use the recommendations of the Kelso advisory commission as a handbook for fixing what ails the Port of Sacramento.

"We'll be seeing a response to the Kelso Commission's recommendations like broadening the port's vision and changing the governance," said McGowan. "I'm very excited about it."

McGowan also said that Sacramento's mayor, Heather Fargo, may heighten her city's interest in the port it has for a long time helped to run only at arm's length.

"It could mean even that the mayor of Sacramento could take a greater role – whether she actually sits on the commission, or whether she removes the layperson (Rudy Martinez, appointed to represent Sacramento) and replaces him with another elected official, to elevate attention paid to the port."

3-2 vote: Cabaldon given new mayor's term

■ Oscar Villegas declines 'his turn' as mayor; split vote also sends alternative for mayors to West Sac's election ballot

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Sometimes it's a boring and sometimes it's not.

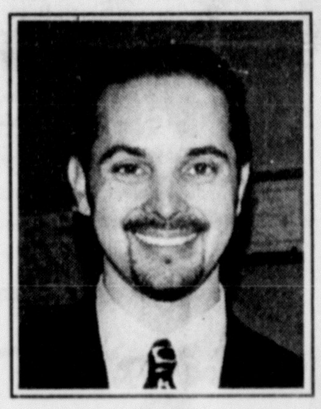
Last Wednesday, it wasn't.

West Sacramento's city council conducted its annual November rite of choosing a new mayor last Wednesday. After the likely mayor-in-waiting declined the post, there were a pair of conflicting nominations. Then the West Sacramento City Council by a 3-2 vote handed its current mayor, Christopher Cabaldon, another one-year term with the gavel. A rival nomination in favor of councilman Bill Kristoff for the post failed to bear fruit.

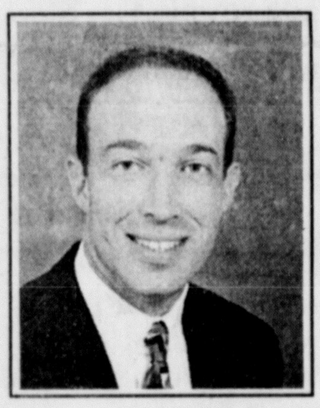
Cabaldon, Villegas and colleague Carolyn Castillo Pierson ended up supporting Cabaldon for another term.

Kristoff and Mark Montemayor voted for Kristoff.

"I think ultimately my decision to vote for Christopher was for the sake of continuity, which is really the same reason I voted for the proposal to have an elected mayor," Pierson explained later.



CHRISTOPHER CABALDON



OSCAR VILLEGAS

She was referring to another agenda item the council dealt with last week: a proposal to give the city's voters a ballot initiative changing the way West Sacramento's mayor is chosen. The proposal – approved for the ballot by a similar 3-2 vote of the council – calls for citizens to elect a mayor separately from the rest of the four council seats. The voters would also be asked whether the mayor should have a term of two years or four.

Currently, the council chooses a mayor from among its own ranks – traditionally once a year, every November. Often -- but not always -- the council rotates the post, choosing a new vice mayor (mayor pro tem) and elevating the current vice mayor to mayor.

But the "directly elected mayor" proposal, brought forward by Villegas, will now go on city's March 2 ballot, thanks to support as well from Cabaldon and Pierson.

Mark Montemayor argued yesterday against the proposal to increase the "strength" of the mayor's seat in West Sacramento through the new proposal.

"When you have a directly-elected mayor and four councilmen," said Montemayor, "the councilmen are not quite the leaders of the community anymore. They are a kind of intermediary. What has the current system done wrong to affect the progress of our city that a directly elected mayor would have done better?"

Cabaldon, a longtime proponent of increasing the term of the city's mayor, said that "our city has evolved to the point where a mayor is no longer just the presiding officer of council meetings. When we were a new city and were inward looking, concentrating on fixing potholes and fixing the water supply, it was simpler. The mayor's job was to run the meetings and hold the scissors at ribbon cuttings."

He added that he didn't take it personally that he was given another mayor's term without the blessing of Montemayor or Kristoff.

"Oscar (Villegas) has been a good mayor pro tem, and had the respect of his colleagues and I think we all expected him (to be mayor)," said Cabaldon. "The (split vote) was not an emotional experience."

WUSD taps Campbell as superintendent

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Patrick Campbell, the former assistant superintendent who has filled in as interim superintendent since Stu Greenfeld retired earlier this year, was given a three-year contract for the top job last week.

The choice was made without the search process that had been requested by the local chamber of commerce, a council of nine churches and the city's mayor.

School board president Pat Flint, though, said she believed that the board received plenty of public input before giving the contract to Campbell.

"We had a lot of community input. Even personally, when

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Interceptor update

Next Wednesday's meeting of the West Sacramento City Council will include a workshop on the Lower Northwest Interceptor Project, the 19-mile regional sewer pipeline project that will serve West Sacramento and parts of Sacramento. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

The workshop will include an update on rights-of-way and tree mitigation issues, as well as the city's proposed annexation into the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

Woman killed in school bus accident

A school bus was involved in a fatal accident last week. The accident occurred on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the intersection of Jefferson Blvd. and Merkley Avenue. The bus was not carrying children at the time.

"It happened around 11:20 a.m.," said Lt. David Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department. "The bus was making a left turn from eastbound Merkley to northbound Jefferson and struck a pedestrian. The pedestrian was walking westbound from the corner there next to La Bou, crossing Jefferson."

The intersection has a green light, but no turning arrow, for Merkley Avenue traffic.

The accident is under investigation.

The woman who was struck was identified by the Sacramento County coroner's office as 53-year old Sarah Sanchez, whose address was not known. She died shortly before 1 p.m. at the UC Davis Medical Center.

Kindergartners' recipe for great turkey dinner

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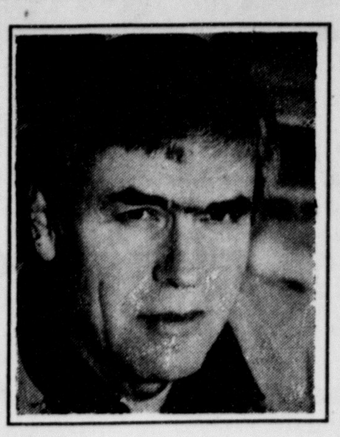

By Daryl Fisher

With Thanksgiving just a day away, I was delighted to receive the following poem and "How to Cook a Turkey" suggestions, which were kindly provided to me courtesy of my wife's secretary's son's kindergarten class:

How to Cook a Turkey -- by the Dolphin Kindergarten Class of 2003:

"The Thanksgiving holiday is near
You'll be cooking for those you hold dear
Go ahead and make out your shopping list
But please use these recipes at your own risk"

(Alex): Go to the grocery store and buy a turkey. Cook it in a stove, a really hot stove. Put some gravy on it. Cook for one minute. Give it to people.

(Austin): Go to the forest and hunt for a turkey. Bring it home and cook it. Put it in a pan with pepper and salt. Cook it on top of the stove for eight minutes. Put some sauce on it.

(Chase): Go to America and get a turkey. Put sugar on it. Cook in an oven on 100 degrees for 3 days. Put some more sugar on it. Open up the turkey and serve it to your family.

(Cory): Go to the chicken store. Check out a turkey and buy it. Start driving home. Open the door to your house. Cook it on the stove for 30 minutes. Put spices on the turkey. Cut it up and give it to your family.

(Emily): Go to the farm and ask the farmer for a turkey. Take it home. Put it in the oven, a really hot oven. Cook for ten days. Put it on a plate. Eat it.

(Emma): Go outside and get a turkey. Cook it in a pot with gravy. Put it inside the oven on 10 degrees for five seconds. Cut it up and eat it. Maybe a finishing touch -- salt and pepper.

(Isabel): Go to the Thanksgiving store and get a turkey. Just a regular turkey. Cook it in soup in the oven. Put the oven on ten degrees and cook the turkey for five minutes. Serve it to your family on a nice plate.

(Jackson): Buy a turkey at the store. Put it in the microwave for 1 hour at 1000 degrees. Put a cherry on top. Cut it and then eat it.

(Mary): I would go to my brother's room and get a turkey. My dad has to cook the turkey by cutting it. Put it in the microwave. Cook for a long time. Put mustard on it. Then you eat it and now you are thirsty. Don't eat too fast, eat it slowly.

(Max): Go to Chili's restaurant to get a turkey. It costs 20 dollars. Buy the turkey and cook it. Put it in the oven on 20 degrees for an hour. Cut it up and eat it.

(McKenzie): Go to the farm and ask the farmer for a girl turkey. Bring it home and cook it in the oven. Cook for six years on six degrees. Put pumpkin frosting on it. Put a drop of turkey on the plate. I would drink apple cider with it.

(Megan): Go to safeway and buy a turkey with fifty dollars. Cook it in the oven on five degrees for four hours. If you wanted to make it sweet, it would be better with sugar. But that's only if you had a lot of people. Put little fork things in it to make sure it's hot enough. Then you cut it up with your knife and serve it up.

(Meghan): Go to a food store and they will give you a turkey because you need it. Cook it inside the over on six degrees for ten days. Put pepper on it. Put it on a plate. Give it to someone for Thanksgiving.

(Rachel): Buy a turkey at the grocery store. Then bake it on a stove. Cook for eight minutes. Put seasoning on it, that's all. Put it on a plate and then let it cool off. Eat it when cool.

(Scott): Go to Albertson's to buy a turkey, a chicken turkey. Cook it with a cooking book or recipe. Put it in a pan so the turkey doesn't catch fire. Put it on top of the stove. Cook for thirty minutes. Cut it in some pieces. Serve it with a plate to your family.

(Sydney): Go to the farm and ask, "Please can I have a turkey?" Cook it in the oven on a little bit hot. Cook for fifteen minutes. Put decorations on your turkey. Then eat it.

(Travis): Go to Bel Air and buy a ham turkey. Bring it home and cook it. Put it in a really hot oven for 25 minutes. Get it out of the oven when it's done. Then eat it. When you are done, wipe your mouth and ask, "May I please be excused?"

Joke of the week:
(Courtesy of Pharryn Dillard)

Did you hear about the lady who was only a few weeks away from giving birth to twins when she suddenly became ill and slipped into a coma? Well, when she finally woke up a month or so after her new little boy and girl had been born, she discovered that they had already been given names by her brother, Bill.

"But you know Bill is an idiot," she reminded her mother. "Why did you let him do it?"

"Because he really wanted to," explained her mother.

"Well, what did he name them?"

"He named the little girl Denise," said her mother.

"Hey, that's too bad. I like the name Denise. What did he name my little boy?"

"He named the boy DeNephew."

Santa: annual tour of city

The West Sacramento Fire Department and the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association are preparing for the annual Santa Run through West Sacramento. Santa will be riding on a fire truck through local neighborhoods with his helpers handing out candy and collecting food donations for the needy. The fire truck will be decorated in lights with Santa riding on top and Christmas music playing. A pickup truck will follow behind to collect non-perishable food donations.

This year the Santa Run is scheduled for six nights beginning at 6 p.m. each night and Santa will be in the following areas on these dates:

Monday, December 8th, in the Broderick and Bryte area on some of the following streets: Fremont, Douglas, Andrew, Sixth, Cummins, Anna, Kegle, Carrie, Lisbon, North Hobson and Fourness.

Tuesday, December 9th, near North Business 80 on some of the following streets: Pine, Palomar, Marigold, Doran, Garnet, Greenmeadow, Evergreen, Sycomore, Buckeye, Hemlock, Balsom, Willow, Merkley, Rockrose, Chaparrel, Lilac, Manzanita, Washington, Oxford, Maple, Walnut, Holly and Pecan.

Wednesday, December 10th, in Old West Sacramento on the following streets: Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Thursday, December 1th in Southport North East on the following streets: Aster, Bermingham, Crown, Devon, Kinsington, Essex, Diablo, Manchester, Gateway, Sausalito, Sansome, Randolf, Headslane, Mojave, Merced, Shasta, Rubacon, Ironwood, Spruce, Redwood, Alder, Limewood, Almond, Peppertree and Peachtree.

Friday, December 12th in Southport South West on the following streets: Independence, Lagoon, Duet, Constitution, Summerfield, Jacquelyn, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Leslie, Diane, Brenda, Kathy, Nancy, Violet, Mareca, Teal, Canvasback, Pitzer and Allen.

Monday, December 15th in Southport West (Bridgeway Island, including Cooper, Fiji, Tortola, Sumatra, Mandura, Bowen, Solomon, Stuart, Graham, Malcom, Lopez, Hornbey, San Salvador, Phillip, New Island, Pender, Puerto Rico, Aruba, St. John, Martinique, St. Croix, Tagabo, Trinidad, Jamaica, Quadulupe, Bonaire, Dominica, Haiti, Swan, Suisun, Ryer, Catalina, Santa Barbara, San Nicolas, San Miguel, Santa Cruz, Kauai, Big Island, Maui, Tacoma Narrows, Treasure Island, Drakes Bay, Bodega, Farallon Ballena, North Bass, White Fish, Saginaw, Kelly's Island, Rivermont, Lily and Poppy.

Please understand that Santa cannot get to every street. Santa's route will not include trailer parks, courts, or dead-end-streets. For further information, please call 373-5808.

New at the library—

From Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King: Visual Companion" by Jude Fisher.

"Hope Dies Last: Keeping the Faith in Troubled Times" by Studs Terkel.

"Poker Face: A Girlhood Among Gamblers" by Katy Lederer.

"A Hundred Little Hitlers: The Death of a Black Man, the Trial of a White Racist, and the Rise of the Neo-Nazi Movement in America" by Elinor Langer.

"Across the Great Divide: Robert Stuart and the Discovery of the Oregon Trail" by Laton McCartney.

The library will be closed on Thursday November 27 and Friday November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday and will be open regular hours on Saturday November 29. Call 375-6465 for information and hours.

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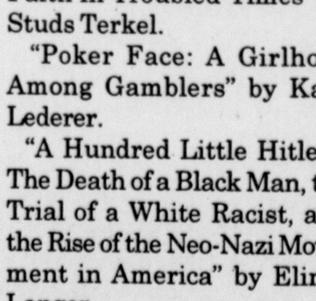
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SPORTS

RC boys basketball wins opener

By Troy Turner

The River City High School boys basketball team traveled to historic Auburn last Saturday to open the 2003-04 season and came away with a 74-42 victory.

Placer High School was built in 1910 and the gym later, but it still had that historic feeling. The team only had seven days to practice with all of their players as Aaron Garner, Clayton Jones and Cameron Hughes traded in their football pads for a pair of hightops. Most of the players were on the team last year and played Summer League together this year.

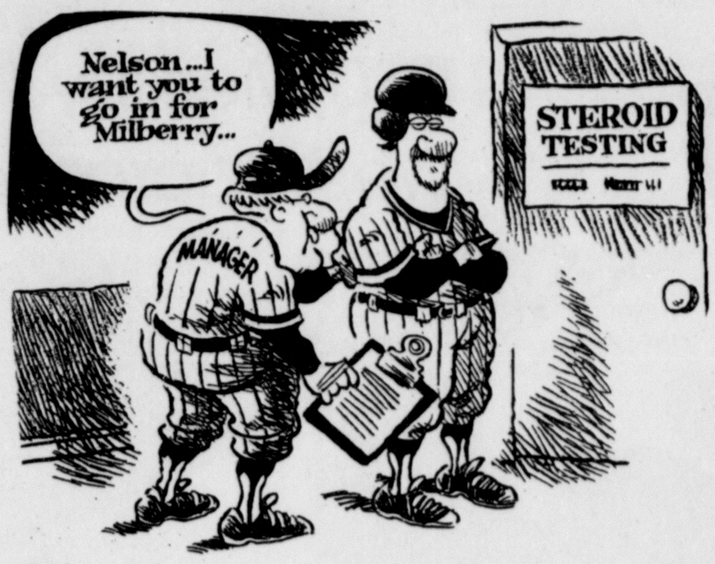
River City jumped out to a 10-4 lead but Placer battled back. At the end of the first period, the Raiders led 15-11. As the second period began, Coach Jon West instructed his players to use an aggressive half court press. The Placer players could not handle the pressure and turned the ball over many times. During the that period, the Raiders outscored Placer 21-10 and went into the locker room leading 36-21.

In the third period, River City continued their aggressive play as Coach West used all of his players to keep constant pressure on the ball. At the end of the period, the Raiders increased their lead to 25 points. They continued to play hard the entire game and were victorious by 32 points, 74-42.

All 15 players contributed to the win, but Raiders Merejuddin Niazi (16 points), Aaron Garner (14 points) and Clayton Jones (13 points) combined to score 43 of the Raiders 74 points.

The JV squad did not do as well as they dropped their opener 70-39.

The Raiders first home game after the Thanksgiving holiday will be on December 2nd against the Lincoln Zebras. The JV team plays at 5:30 p.m. and the Varsity game will tip off at 7 p.m.



A Sporting view by Chris Richcreek

The Paterno Proviso

Coaches get hired and fired all the time in both the college and pro ranks. There's nothing unusual there.

But things get a little stickier when the head coach is considered to be an institution, especially in the college ranks. Nowhere was that more evident this season than at Penn State, where Joe Paterno recorded his third losing football campaign in four years.

Across the nation, the media and fan drumbeat played the tune that Penn State needed to go in a new direction by moving the 76-year-old Paterno out as head coach, a position he has held at Penn State since 1966.

Yet Penn State can't do it.

"JoePa" is an institution there. He's been there so long, he *is* Penn State in many eyes. People are complaining that he has been slipping for a while, but they seem to forget that the Nittany Lions were 9-3 last season.

Realistically, this situation can only play itself out in two ways — Paterno dies or he decides to step down. To force him out is likely too hard for Penn State at this point.

However, this issue can be the basis of a guideline for future college conflicts — the genesis of a "Paterno Proviso." Colleges still have coaching institutions, although coaches seem to jump around a lot for more money or else wear out their welcome quicker these days. In fact, coaches who are at a school for 10 years are rare.

So let's use that as the basis for the Paterno Proviso. It would take effect after someone has been the head coach at a school for a decade. Under the rule, a coach can be a candidate for removal only if he has three consecutive losing seasons. If that criterion is not met, the coach stays.

How does that benefit the parties involved? For the coach, it gives him a timeline for rebuilding the program after an off year — and perhaps enough time to remind fans why he became an institution at the school.

For the school, the pressure is mostly off. It could not be forced by boosters or others into removing an icon unless his record reflected it for three consecutive seasons, but it gives the school a somewhat easier out if such an event occurred.

As a bonus, the rule would be a boost for employer/employee loyalty, an important ideal mostly missing in today's world.

Under the Paterno Proviso, JoePa would still be around. Short memories and short fuses would be reminded of that "long ago" 9-3 season.

And that's as it should be. Harsh treatment of an institution — be it an individual or a university — is of little benefit to those involved.

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We didn't all come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat.

—Bernard M. Baruch

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3. Which two teams played in the only NFC Championship Game in which no touchdowns were scored?
4. Who was the last player before Marquette's Dwyane Wade in 2003 to record a triple-double in a men's NCAA Tournament basketball game?
5. Name the two 50-goal scorers for the 1988-89 Calgary Flames.
6. Does NASCAR owner and former NFL coach Joe Gibbs have more Winston Cup championships or Super Bowl victories?
7. Between 1961-67, Roy Emerson won the Australian Open men's singles title six times in seven years. Who won it in 1962?

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Nov. 19, 10:32 p.m.
A 21-year old and a 25-year old man were arrested for discharging a revolver in their garage.

Nov. 21, 11:50 a.m.
A juvenile who "never goes to school" was arrested and cited.

Nov. 22, 6:45 a.m.
The California Highway Patrol chased a vehicle from the Bay Area to the west end of the Yolo Causeway, where the driver stopped in the road and would not get out of the vehicle. The CHP asked for assistance from West Sacramento's K-9 unit. When West Sacramento officers arrived, the suspect got out and was arrested.

Nov. 22, 7:30 a.m.
A man said he was standing at a bus stop near West Capitol and Pecan when a suspect asked him for a dollar. The man said "no," and was then stabbed in the stomach. The knife was left in his stomach up to the hilt. The man was taken to UCD Medical Center.

Nov. 22, 2:45 p.m.
An officer contacted a woman at a Lighthouse Drive residence. The woman said the 40-year old male suspect at that residence had struck her in the face with his hand while holding a handgun, and threatened to kill her. The suspect was arrested.

Nov. 22, 8:40 p.m.
A pickup truck was reported stolen from Solano Street.

Nov. 23, 1:30 a.m.
A 1987 Plymouth was reported stolen from B Street.

Nov. 23, 9 a.m.
An officer contacted a 20-year old Nevada man on California Street because his vehicle was carrying the license plates from another car. The man was arrested.

Nov. 23, 5 p.m.
An officer saw a 55-year old West Sacramento man driving a car that had been reported stolen, and detained the man. The victim asked for prosecution, so the suspect was arrested.

Nov. 24, 7:30 a.m.
An officer stopped a 72-year old transient man who was driving without a seatbelt. The man had a history of carrying loaded guns without a permit. A loaded, concealed weapon was found on his waistband. He was arrested.

Nov. 24, 6:35 p.m.
"After drinking all day," a 53-year old West Capitol man became violent with his girlfriend, punching her in the face, grabbing her hair and slamming her into a wall. He also tried to force a television's remote control down her throat. Police arrested him after a struggle in which a Taser gun was used on the suspect.

Nov. 24, 10:50 p.m.
A 19-year old West Sacramento man was arrested for burglarizing a car on 7th Street, taking a stereo and other items. During a search of his person, police found 0.2 grams of methamphetamine.

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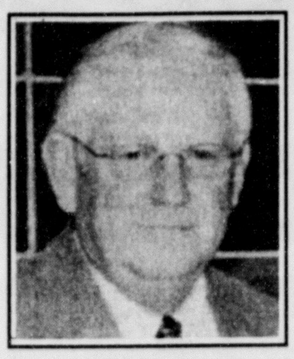
we were out in the public, almost all of us have been approached on the subject," said Flint. "We had open meetings where we discussed this. I feel he is the best man to do this job."

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon called the appointment "unfortunate" but pledged to work with the new superintendent.

"Now that the decision has been made, I'm looking forward to working with the superintendent on the mutual objectives that the city and school board have," said Cabaldon. "I think it's very unfortunate the city went about its business in this manner, promising an open selection process based on an extensive search, and without notice making a 180-degree turn and making an appointment on the fly."

The chamber's executive director, Kay Fenrich, congratulated Campbell.



PATRICK CAMPBELL
New WUSD School Chief

"We wish Patrick well and look forward to continuing to work with him in the district on all the exciting opportunities coming forward," said Fenrich.

Did she feel the chamber received the opportunity to participate in his selection that it had asked for?

"No, but it's definitely the school board's prerogative. That's why they're elected," answered Fenrich.

Board President Flint said she felt "there are truly only a few people" who had felt shortchanged by the process.

"We met first with our faculty, our administration, and I believe we had community input," she said. "At this point we felt – all of us felt – we had enough input to make the decision we made."

The board's selection of superintendents attracts community attention partly because of its troubled history with its top managers. At least the most recent four WUSD superintendents all left the district one way or another after developing troubled relations with their bosses on the school board – often with the same board members who had spearheaded their hiring.

Campbell himself said he was looking forward to his new term, for which he has contracted into 2006.

"We had a new motto at the beginning of the year, 'together we can and will make a difference,' " said Campbell. "I intend to take that motto and make it a stronger reality."

Campbell said the district faces exciting times.

"We're looking at restructuring the (kindergarten through eighth grade) programs, perhaps with district charter programs and by making magnet programs in the district. We're working on passing a school bond (for a new high school – going to voters in March, 2004). And I really want to make sure everyone knows we're hoping for dialog, open to positive criticism and to suggestions for improvements."

FPPC violation?

School district may have erred with mailing

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A mailer sent to 17,000 West Sacramento addresses by the Washington Unified School District painted a glowing portrait of the district's management. But it may have crossed a legal line when it featured a quote from one of its own elected officials, school board president Pat Flint.

The mailer, assembled by then-assistant superintendent Patrick Campbell and other administrators, may have violated state law that prohibits the use of taxpayer funds to give exposure to elected officials.

"The law says you can't feature any of the elected officials on the mailer," commented the city's mayor, Christopher Cabaldon. "Having Pat Flint quoted congratulating herself on the board's excellence is not permitted."

Cabaldon was referring to California's Political Reform Act and a resulting Fair Political Practices Commission regulation regarding publicly funded mailers.

Campbell – since made superintendent by the board – said any mistake was unintended. He said he and fellow administrators were responsible for assembling the newsletter that included Flint's comments.

"If we went over the line, it was an oversight by the district in trying to put together a publication of general interest," he explained. "We didn't do it intentionally, and we wouldn't do it again."

The mailer included articles about improvements in district test score performance, changes in the administration, volunteers and teachers' awards. It also included a roster of school board members, which is probably in a legally acceptable format.

But the newsletter's front page focuses on the leadership of WUSD. It includes a statement from Campbell praising this "district on the move" and an article called "Board Strives for Excellence" in which Campbell is cited as calling the current school board a "first class operation" and "a dream come true."

Flint, the board president, is quoted in the same article as saying, "I have never felt the Board has been more cohesive than at the present time We have finally reached a point where we all trust each other and are very respectful of each other's opinions."

Helen Kanowsky, West Sacramento's city clerk, said yesterday that the city government errs on the side of caution when putting out its own "City Lights" newsletter, avoiding even the image of a council member in a group photo.

"We don't highlight the council or name them (in City Lights)," said Kanowsky. "We don't go near that because we don't want anybody to think we're using it as a campaign piece to promote the council members."

Police & fire gala raises funds for city safety programs

At the November 19 city council meeting, the President of the West Sacramento Police Officers Association, Matt Luiz, and the President of the Fire Fighters Association, Wally Enos, presented a check in the amount of $7,000 to the Friends Outside Program, and $1,000 to Friday Night Live, the Fire Department Child Safety Car Seat Program, and the West Sacramento Mounted Police Unit. The funds, which benefit West Sacramento residents, were raised through local sponsors and silent auction donations during the 3rd Annual Police Officers and Fire Fighters Charity Gala event, which was held September 20th. To date, this event has raised over $27,000 for our local charities.

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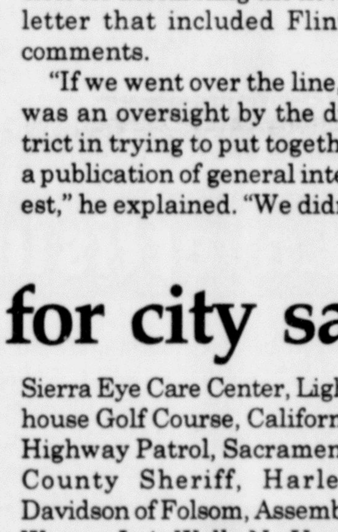

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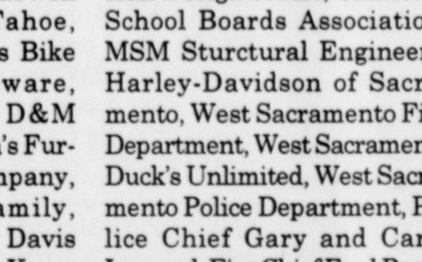

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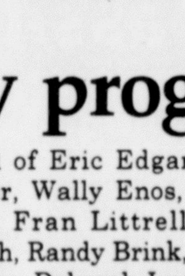

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Pride, well-founded or not

The school district is steaming ahead on a $52 million ballot measure to build a new high school.

It's a needed proposal, but the timing is ambitious – there are still major problems in acquiring some of the needed real estate, the holidays are approaching, and a great deal of planning and campaigning need to be done very soon if it is to pass.

Meanwhile, the school board has waved off requests from various parts of the West Sacramento community that an open search, with public input, be conducted to find the district's next superintendent. Instead, the board did what many predicted months ago that it would – the board turned a former assistant superintendent into a three-year superintendent, irrespective of the public's desires for a wider search.

And recently, the district sent you and 17,000 of your neighboring homes and businesses a mass mailing detailing the accomplishments of Washington Unified – and the first page essentially featured the school board and superintendent praising their own excellence. By singling out the board president for a quote on this topic, the publicly funded mass mailing probably stepped over the legal line defined by the Fair Political Practices Commission. But even more notable is the question of judgment regarding the use of taxpayer funds for what is essentially a "commercial" for the board and its top manager.

The current school district management shows great signs of confidence and pride. But if that pride is well-founded – if, as the mailer tells you, this school board is "first class" and "a dream come true," then you don't need to pay for an expensive mass-mailed puff piece to tell you so.

■■■

California's new governor is drawing a lot more excitement around the capital area than the last one. Everyone's eager to sight "Arnold."

Denise Stevens of Forever Yours, a flower and gift shop in West Sacramento, reports the first local "sighting" the News-Ledger has heard of – the governor-elect bought flowers from her before he was sworn in.

"He called a couple of weeks ago to order flowers for someone who worked on his campaign," she said. "We were very impressed that he called himself. He talked to my son, Mark Heer."

The flowers were delivered to Sacramento.

How did Schwarzenneger find her shop's number? Stevens doesn't know.

Maybe he saw her ad in the News-Ledger.

■■■

The March ballot on the local supervisor's seat may get interesting. In addition to incumbent Mike McGowan, former city councilman Jim Cahill has "pulled papers" in preparation for a run at the seat.

■■■

Letters to the Editor

Park Boulevard should be two lanes

Recently, the West Sacramento City Council was presented a plan to reconfigure Park Boulevard from four to two lanes. I believe the council should adopt the plan, as proposed, for the following reasons:

1. As it is now, Park Boulevard appears to the unwary as a major arterial street instead of the neighborhood collector street it is. Its main purpose was to be an arterial, but the building of the Port in the early 1960's eliminated that need.

People will continually speed while it's four-lanes, especially those coming right off the freeway and unfamiliar with West Sacramento.

2. As Southport grows, more and more people will use Park Boulevard as an alternative to Jefferson. A two-lane configuration will greatly reduce that temptation.

Even now, I've observed drivers use Park, turn right on Stone, then make an illegal U-turn on Industrial to get over the bridge to Lake Washington Boulevard.

3. It will serve to upgrade the entire neighborhood, leaving room for a possible future landscaped median, effective and well-defined turn lanes and wide and useful bike lanes.

Although I live about a block and a half from Park Boulevard, I agree with the sentiments of the majority of the Park Boulevard residents as noted in your article last week. It's time to pave, restripe and repurpose Park Boulevard.

CURTIS CARROLL
West Sacramento

In support of Bush

America's all-time Monday morning quarterback, or more by Gore the bore.

There he goes again, Al I mean. America does not realize what a mistake it was to put "W" in the hot seat in D.C. instead of Al.

Judging by some of the facts spouted by Al in his speech at Constitution Hall on 11-9-03, America missed the boat. He implies that he would have had all the strategic locations in the U.S. covered.

According to Al, the "W" regime has done nothing about protecting critical infrastructure such as electrical power, gas pipelines, nuclear facilities, chemical plants, etc. Not checking incoming cargo carriers for radiation, no strategy for the protection of nuclear storage facilities. "W" has still not invested in translators and analysts. The C.D.C. and local hospitals not ready for a biological weapons attack. Firemen and police still don't have adequate communications systems.

Al goes on and on, so much that I am running out of space to cover all of the "W" booboos. The best Goreism is this one; "W" should have known 9-11 was about to happen because he had adequate warnings that commercial airline aircraft were going to hit the White House, the Pentagon and the Twin Towers. Oh, if only Al was in charge. I am sure that Al would have had the Air Force airborne and scrambling and would have had the three spots covered and the hostile aircraft shot down on 9-11. Call me Superman Al.

Al, relax and concentrate on the global warming problem in your spare time. "W" has those two rascals holed up in a cave in the mountains and outside of Baghdad under lock and key and will officially capture them around October or early November or 2004.

Hang in there "W".

R.M. "RED" MCKINNON
West Sacramento

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 22, 2003
File No. 2003-972

The following person is doing business as Brown Bag Coaching; Coaching for the Fun of It, 2637 Chateau Ln., Davis CA 95616:

Sandy Baker.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/19/03.

/s/Sandy Baker

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-974

The following person is doing business as Integrity Axle & Tire Company, 147 Elm Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Rodger Hutchinson, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Rodger A. Hutchinson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 12, 2003
File No. 2003-1039

The following person is doing business as Bella DiMicco Hair & Nail Studio, 606 W. Cross St., Woodland CA 95695:

Paula Marie Fusaro, 1445 Westland Ranch Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

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/s/Paula Marie Fusaro

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2003-953

The following person is doing business as Pete the Plumber, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616:

Earl Pete Helfreich, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Earl Pete Helfrich

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Too often, travel, instead of broadening the mind, merely lengthens the conversations.
—Elizabeth Drew

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-1057

The following person is doing business as J&S Painting, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Jim McCall, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695; Scott McCall, 413 Elizabeth Way, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-17-03.

/s/Jim & Scott McCall

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Oct. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-452

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Precious Pumpkins, located at 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 10-31-03.

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Amber Klugh, 1350 E. Oak Ave., Woodland CA 95776.

/s/Kathy Ramirez

County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 31, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 31, 2003
File No. 2003-1001

The following person is doing business as Precious Pumpkins, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776:

Kathy Ramirez, 708 Lopes Ct., Woodland CA 95776; Kristina Orozco, 1372 Echo Pl., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-29-03.

/s/Kathy Ramirez

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 7, 2003
File No. 2003-917

The following person is doing business as United Petroleum Truck Stop, 29770 County Road 8, Dunnigan CA 95937:

Sehgal, Inc., 260 West Court St. #84, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-7-03.

/s/Rakesh Sehgal, President
Sehgal, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 5, 2003
File No. 2003-1019

The following person is doing business as Co-Owners River Ranch, 3240 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

George H. Wilson Testamentary Trust A&B, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; George David Wilson & Erma A. Wilson Revocable Family Trust, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; Patricia J. Fisher, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Wesley J. Fisher 1993 Trust, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Roger H. and Dorothy Anne Abley Revocable Trust, 8900 Eschinger Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758; Ness Christian Enterprises, 11051 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove CA 95758.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-03. Previous fictitious business name number 96-709.

/s/Arlene Wilson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 9, 2003
File No. 2003-927

The following person is doing business as Sweet Dreams, 532 N. Hobson Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Stan Bailey II, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-9-03.

/s/Stan Bailey II

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 21, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

Abandonment of a public utility easement (pursuant to Resolution 03-112) at 1271 West Capitol Avenue (APN 67-310-11-1). A map showing the portion to be vacated is on file at the office of the City Clerk, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Nov 19 26

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on November 19, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council adopted Ordinance 03-13 adding Chapter 8.11 to the Municipal Code for the purpose of reducing the occurrence of false alarms and regulating the installation and operation of alarm systems within the city, by the following vote:

AYES: Kristoff, Montemayor, Pierson, Villegas, Cabaldon.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Nov 26

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BUT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT WEEKS AGO!!
DON'T WORRY I SET ALL OF OUR CALENDARS BACK TOO.

POPEYE
HEY OLIVE
BANANAS
APPLES
I PROMISED ME GRANNY TA PICK UP A FEW THINGS!
WE'RE HAVIN' THANKS-GIVIN' DINNER AT HER HOUSE AN' YER INVITED!
AREN'T YOU TAKING A GAMBLE WITH HER COOKING ABILITY?
THA'S BIN TAKEN CARE OF...
...OLIVE IS DOIN' THE HEAVY COOKIN'...
...I'M DOIN' TH' SPINACH DISH!
...AN' GRANNY IS BAKIN' TH' PIE!
OH MY...
YOU'RE TRUSTING HER WITH DESSERT...
...DOES SHE KNOW HOW TO BAKE?
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?...
...ME GRANNY IS A WHIZ AT BAKIN' PIES...
...SPECIALLY IF I BRINGS HER THE RIGHT BRAND!
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THE CREATURE'S JUST DOWN THIS CORRIDOR!
I WANT ALL AVAILABLE FIREPOWER TRAINED ON THIS ENTRY!
HOW'S RENSHAW'S LEG, DOC?
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THORNE?
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HIS WEAPON BACKFIRED.
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I DON'T UNDERSTAND...I THOUGHT THE WEAPONS FROM BARIN'S ARMORY WERE TOP OF THE LINE?
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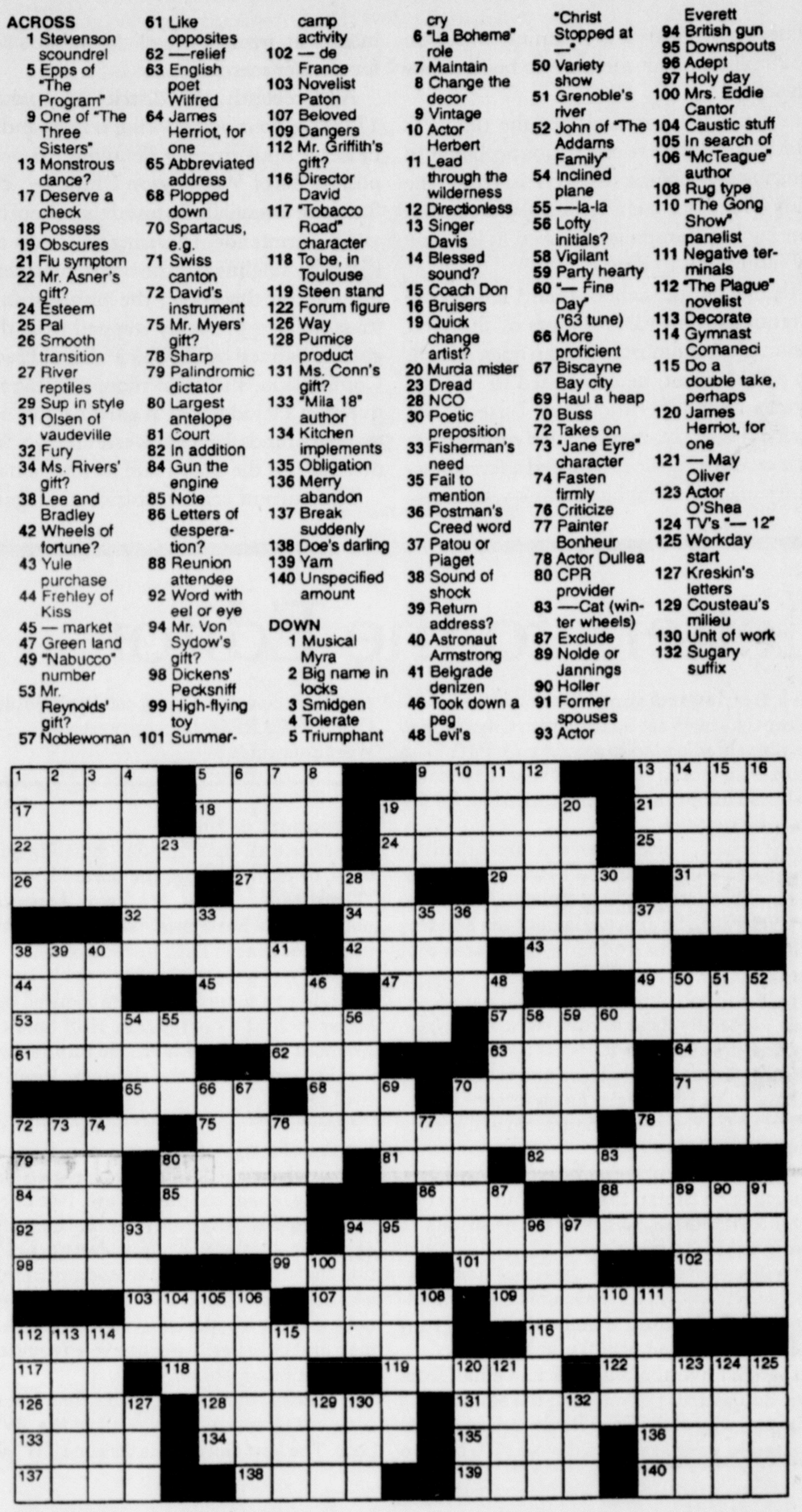
ACROSS
1 Stevenson scoundrel
5 Epps of "The Program"
9 One of "The Three Sisters"
13 Monstrous dance?
17 Deserve a check
18 Possess
19 Obscures
21 Flu symptom
22 Mr. Asner's gift?
24 Esteem
25 Pal
26 Smooth transition
27 River reptiles
29 Sup in style
31 Olsen of vaudeville
32 Fury
34 Ms. Rivers' gift?
38 Lee and Bradley
42 Wheels of fortune?
43 Yule purchase
44 Frehley of Kiss
45 — market
47 Green land
49 "Nabucco" number
53 Mr. Reynolds' gift?
57 Nobleworman
61 Like opposites
62 —-relief
63 English poet Wilfred
64 James Herriot, for one
65 Abbreviated address
68 Plopped down
70 Spartacus, e.g.
71 Swiss canton
72 David's instrument
75 Mr. Myers' gift?
78 Sharp
79 Palindromic dictator
80 Largest antelope
81 Court
82 In addition
84 Gun the engine
85 Note
86 Letters of desperation?
88 Reunion attendee
92 Word with eel or eye
94 Mr. Von Sydow's gift?
98 Dickens' Pecksniff
99 High-flying toy
101 Summer-camp activity
102 — de France
103 Novelist Paton
107 Beloved
109 Dangers
112 Mr. Griffith's gift?
116 Director David
117 "Tobacco Road" character
118 To be, in Toulouse
119 Steen stand
122 Forum figure
126 Way
128 Pumice product
131 Ms. Conn's gift?
133 "Mila 18" author
134 Kitchen implements
135 Obligation
136 Merry abandon
137 Break suddenly
138 Doe's darling
139 Yam
140 Unspecified amount

DOWN
1 Musical Myra
2 Big name in locks
3 Smidgen
4 Tolerate
5 Triumphant cry
6 "La Boheme" role
7 Maintain
8 Change the decor
9 Vintage
10 Actor Herbert
11 Lead through the wilderness
12 Directionless
13 Singer Davis
14 Blessed sound?
15 Coach Don
16 Bruisers
19 Quick change artist?
20 Murcia mister
23 Dread
28 NCO
30 Poetic preposition
33 Fisherman's need
35 Fail to mention
36 Postman's Creed word
37 Patou or Piaget
38 Sound of shock
39 Return address?
40 Astronaut Armstrong
41 Belgrade denizen
46 Took down a peg
48 Levi's "Christ Stopped at —"
50 Variety show
51 Grenoble's river
52 John of "The Addams Family"
54 Inclined plane
55 —-la-la
56 Lofty initials?
58 Vigilant
59 Party hearty
60 "— Fine Day" ('63 tune)
66 More proficient
67 Biscayne Bay city
69 Haul a heap
70 Buss
72 Takes on
73 "Jane Eyre" character
74 Fasten firmly
76 Criticize
77 Painter Bonheur
78 Actor Dullea
80 CPR provider
83 —-Cat (winter wheels)
87 Exclude
89 Nolde or Jannings
90 Holler
91 Former spouses
93 Actor Everett
94 British gun
95 Downspouts
96 Adept
97 Holy day
100 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
104 Caustic stuff
105 In search of
106 "McTeague" author
108 Rug type
110 "The Gong Show" panelist
111 Negative terminals
112 "The Plague" novelist
113 Decorate
114 Gymnast Comaneci
115 Do a double take, perhaps
120 James Herriot, for one
121 — May Oliver
123 Actor O'Shea
124 TV's "— 12"
125 Workday start
127 Kreskin's letters
129 Cousteau's milieu
130 Unit of work
132 Sugary suffix



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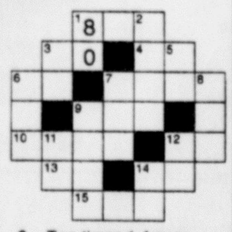
Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Sum of the digits is 5-Down
3. 6-Across minus 12-Down
4. Two less than 11-Down
6. Digits of 14-Down reversed
7. Seven times 8-Down
9. Two times 3-Down
10. Eight times 6-Down
12. Two times 5-Down
13. Eight more than 12-Across
14. 13-Across minus 12-Down
15. Sum of the digits is 5-Down

DOWN
1. Nine more than 6-Across
2. Two times 1-Across
3. Ten less than 4-Across
5. Consecutive digits in ascending order
6. Sum of the digits is 5-Down
7. Ten times 3-Across
8. Sum of the digits is 5-Down
9. Six times 15-Across
11. Three times 12-Down
12. Digits of 5-Down reversed
14. Six more than 14-Across

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W A U D A O R B I S O N S O Q
P T N I R L E R L J S I O H F
E E C D A A Y Y E X L K V I U
S R Q D T R H D P D E B N M D
K S E L R A H C J H N B F E C
B Z E E Y A G Y I N W O R B X
V S B Y Y E L S E R P U W T R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Charles
Cooke
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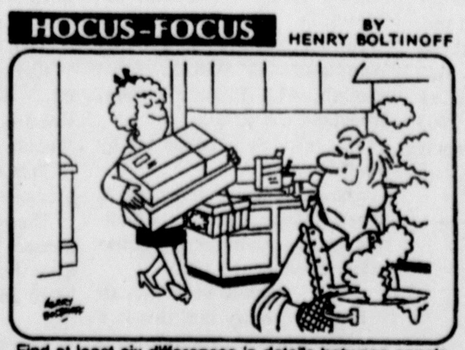

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S	U	M	R	A	A	I	A	D	H	R	A	R
2	5	7	5	6	2	8	3	4	2	5	2	3
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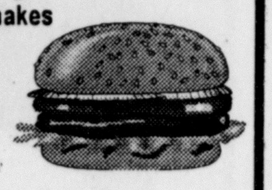

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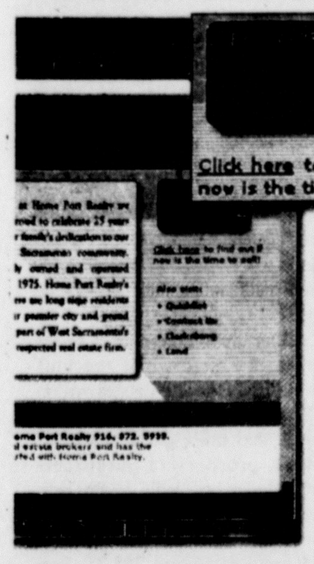
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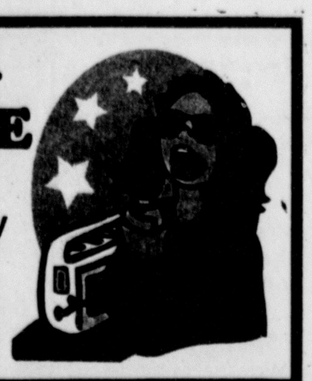

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Elf"

Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: PG

In the past 25 years, there have only been three Christmas movies made that I would consider Modern Classics: Bill Murray's "Scrooged," "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," and "A Christmas Story."

After seeing "Elf," starring Will Farrell, I think I may have another film to add to the list.

"Elf" is that rarest of Christmas movies, one that is sentimental but not maudlin or syrupy sweet; funny without trying to be hip or self-referential or gross; uplifting without being preachy.

Farrell stars as Buddy, a human who, as a baby, climbs into Santa's bag one Christmas. He is brought back to the North Pole and raised by Papa Elf (Bob Newhart). As Buddy gets older and much, much bigger, it is decided that he must return to live with his real family.

So, Buddy heads for New York to find his father (James Caan), a bah-humbug sort of fellow who publishes children's books.

Buddy somehow scores a job as an elf-for-hire at Gimbels department store, where he meets Jovie (Zooey Deschanel), another elf at the store's North Pole. The magic of this movie is that director John Favreau and the two actors actually make us believe a romance between a grown man who thinks he is a real elf and a no-nonsense chick from NYC.

As Buddy learns to deal with his new family and job, there is also another mission he is on. The world has become too cynical, and this is a problem for Santa — the real Santa, not the Gimbel's Santa who, as Buddy puts it, "sits on a throne of lies." Santa's sleigh is powered by Faith, and because the world has become so cynical, there may not be enough Faith for Santa to deliver presents this year. Buddy must somehow persuade enough people to believe in Santa.

"Elf" is a wonderful movie for the whole family. The performances by James Caan, Bob Newhart, Ed Asner as Santa and especially Will Ferrell are brilliant. Every actor in the movie is committed to the reality of this absurd situation, and because they believe it, we believe it too.

And the romantic musical number between Farrell and Deschanel, when they sing "Baby, It's Cold Outside," is pure magic.

Give your family an early present this year and see "Elf."

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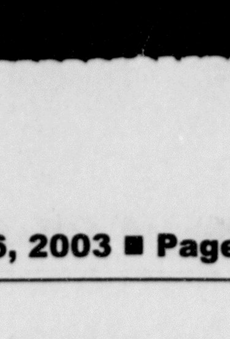

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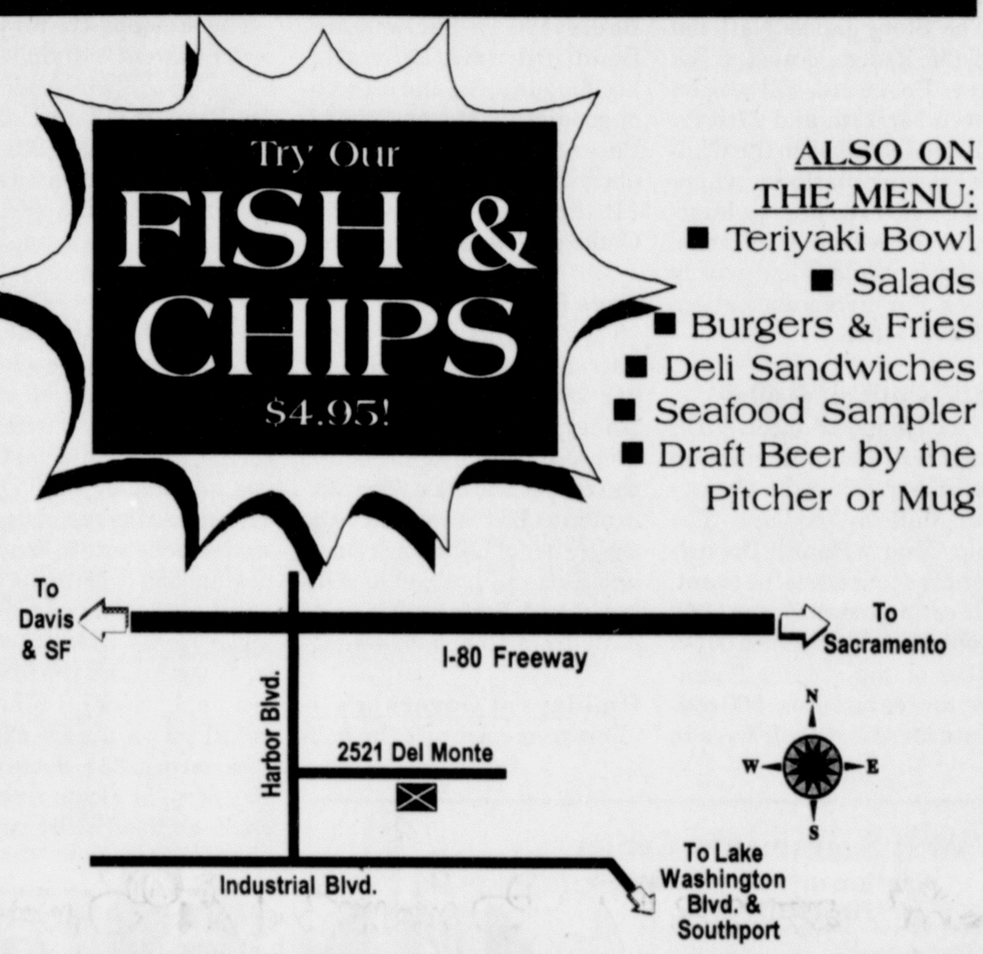

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PORTS OF CALL
by Bethany Murray

Stumped for Holiday Gift? Think Travel

Stuck trying to come up with gifts for some of the loved ones in your life? Here are a few ideas to get the gift lobe of your brain spinning again:

• Travel gear: Everyone can use a durable new suitcase, a bathroom travel case or a rolling backpack. LLBean has long been the definitive source for durable stuff — especially considering its generous return policy. Great for outerwear, hiking boots and more, too: www.llbean.com. Know someone who can use his or her own WC Kit, Travel Putter Set or Door Stop Alarm? Try www.magellans.com for great gadgets and more. Impress your hardy hiker with some Nalgene plastic bottles. These things are about as indestructible as you can hope for and don't run the bacterial risks that come from reusing soft plastic bottles (www.Nalgene-outdoor.com). Or give the CamelBak hands-free "personal hydration system," www.camelback.com.

• Trip the Earth Fantastic: Spend a night or two in lodging that's far from the common ground. Sleep in peace beneath the ocean blue at Jules' Undersea Lodge (www.jul.com), just off Key Largo, Fla. Snuggle up on your own bed of ice at Ice Hotel Quebec (www.icehotel-canada.com) or Ice Hotel Sweden (www.icehotel.com). Learn about authentic Native American life while spending your nights inside a traditional tipi at TipiTrek, Skyland Ranch, Wash. Or slumber 86 feet above ground in a treehouse in the heart of the rainforest at Green Mountain Nature Resort, Kerala, India (http://ecoclub.com/tourindia/).

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Whatever you decide, have a happy holiday, and may all your journeys be merry!

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THIS IS A HAMMER
By Samantha Mazzotta

Fireplace Safety

Q: Our new home has a fireplace, which we haven't used yet — in fact, we've never used a fireplace in our lives. We'd like to have a nice fire crackling in the hearth when guests visit during the holidays. How do we safely start one? — *Charlie M., Plano, Texas*

A. Once you've got the basics down, building a fire is relatively fast and safe. I'd recommend lighting a fire in the hearth on a couple of consecutive nights before your visitors arrive, to make sure you have the process down.

First things first, though. Even if the house is brand-new, have a chimney cleaner check the flue and chimney, inside and out, for obstructions and unseen damage. If you own an older house, the chimney should be checked for creosote buildup. In both cases, make sure that the damper opens and closes smoothly.

Now, if you're completely in the dark about fireplaces and the above terminology was unfamiliar, here are a few definitions. The chimney, of course, carries smoke up and out of the house. The flue is the area just above the fireplace, where smoke and ash rise (and cool slightly) before entering the chimney. The firebox is the area in which the fire itself burns. Between the firebox and the flue is the damper, a vent that can be opened to let smoke out or closed to prevent cold air from flowing into the house.

The damper must be opened before a fire is started, or smoke and ash will fill the room rapidly — not a pleasant situation.

To start a fire, bring firewood, kindling (often newspaper) and matches within arm's reach as you work. Follow these steps:

• Open the damper.

• Stack your firewood in the grate, allowing plenty of space between each piece so that air flows through evenly. Use only four or five pieces of wood — one larger and the rest smaller — in the stack. (For the best fire, use well-seasoned hardwood, like oak, rather than pine or pressed fire logs.)

• Place kindling or tightly rolled newspaper under, over and amid the stack.

• Encourage proper airflow through the damper by lighting one rolled-up page and holding it up to the flue just prior to lighting the fire. The warm air will rise, starting the flow of air upward.

home tip

Never burn trash, glossy magazines or Styrofoam in a fireplace: the chemicals could affect your health, and the materials could add to the creosote coating the chimney, meaning the chimney must be cleaned more often.

• Carefully light the kindling on as many sides of the stack as possible. The newspaper will burn quickly, creating plenty of flames, which will die down once the primary source of fuel is exhausted.

• Watch the fire carefully for five to 10 minutes after starting to ensure the wood catches and that smoke doesn't blow back into the room.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Storytellers performance

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will hold "Winter Tales", a storytelling performance, on December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 863-1121.

Wildlife refuge open

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located off Elk Grove Boulevard, will be open December 13th and 27th for self-guided hikes to the wildlife viewing platform, where you'll see birds of prey hunting in the seasonal wetlands. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes. For more information, call 775-4420.

AIDS Quilt on display

The Names Project AIDS Quilt will be on display on December 1-7 at the County Fair Mall in Woodland. The Yolo County Health Department is sponsoring the event. It is estimated that over 5000 people are living with HIV/AIDS in the greater Sacramento area and over 1500 residents have lost their lives to the disease. For further information on the Quilt display or HIV/AIDS education, prevention, testing and treatment, call Sue at 530-406-4905.

White Christmas in Old Town Sacramento

Old Sacramento has made an exclusive arrangement with Mother Nature for a snow filled historic district from December 9-23. Snow will fall nightly on select streets from 5-9 p.m. Come see the wonders of winter and capture the magic of the season.

Holiday boutique and luncheon

The Tuesday Club of Sacramento will hold their annual Holiday Boutique and Luncheon on December 2nd at the Unitarian Universalist Society Auditorium, 2425 Sierra Boulevard in Sacramento. Beautiful wreaths, crafts, handmade gifts, and all sorts of goodies will be on display. Reservations can be made by phone at 487-8427. Tickets are $15. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Receiving Home.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be at the Sacramento Zoo from November 28th to December 21st. Bring one new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays at Governor's

This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Pastel Society meets

The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold their 12th Bi-Annual Associate Membership Show November 4-29 at Gallery One, 291 Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn. For gallery hours and more information, call Joan at 985-6023.

Folsom history exhibit

The Folsom History Museum newest exhibit, "Main Street USA; Shopkeepers from the Past", will be on display through February 22, 2003. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and is open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2.

1/4 mile dirt oval racing

It was 23 years ago when the last checkered flag fell at West Capitol Speedway where the racing was always fast, furious, and side-by-side. The tradition continues, however, with Sacramento Raceway hosting dirt oval racing on the following dates: November 15 and November 29. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the first race is a 7 p.m. General admission is $10, pit passes are $25, and race entry is $35. Sacramento Raceway is located at 5303 Excelsior Road in Sacramento. Call 366-7368 for more information.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 10, 1950,** for his peace mediation during the first Arab-Israeli war, American diplomat Ralph Joseph Bunche receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. Bunche was the first African-American to win the prestigious award.

• On **Dec. 11, 1956,** the movie industry's tight restriction of language and subject matter, known as the Hays Code, is eased slightly for the first time since its adoption, meaning actors could now mention abortion, drugs, kidnapping and prostitution.

• On **Dec. 13, 1989,** Leona Helmsley, nicknamed the "Queen of Mean" by the press, receives a four-year prison sentence and a $7.1 million tax-fraud fine. Helmsley became the object of loathing and disgust for many when she quipped that "only the little people pay taxes."

• On **Dec. 9, 1990,** in Poland, Lech Walesa, founder of the Solidarity trade union, wins a landslide election victory, becoming the first directly elected Polish leader.

• On **Dec. 8, 1993,** NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, is signed into law by President Clinton. Clinton said he hoped the agreement would encourage other nations to work toward a broader world-trade pact.

• On **Dec. 12, 1997,** 14-year-old Michael Carneal is indicted as an adult on three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder for the shooting of his classmates at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky. He pleaded guilty but mentally ill, and he was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in 25 years.

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Bridgeway Lakes Two General Plan & Southport Framework Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map 4620 in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of changing the General Plan, Southport Framework Plan, and Zoning Map to reconfigure land uses in the 138.4 acre site located south of Marshall Road, north of Burrows Road, west of Jefferson Boulevard, and east of the deep water ship channel. The project includes modifying the circulation element of the General Plan to relocate the future intersection of Southport Parkway and Jefferson Boulevard approximately 1,700 feet south of Bevan Road. The project includes a request to subdivide 125 acres into 487 single family lots and a detention pond. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the December 18, 2003 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 18, 2003 in the City Council Chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale on December 17, 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 65, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Richard E. Paulsen, Sr. and Michelle Brown. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for the possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 and 798.75. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to this sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

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NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a minimum opening credit bid of at least $4,453.74.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Stephanie Lyn Head and Jason Dewayne Shepherd, and described as a 1962 Viking, Decal Number AAI19787, Serial Number GSVD1060ACDLLPS30532, Label/Insignia Number A41553, and stored on property within the Casa Mobile Park, at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, Space 87, within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Casa Mobile Park at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, Space 87, within the park) on December 19, 2003, at 11:00 a.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale under authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210. Don Mickel, Auctioneer, Bond Number SUR 292693, (Telephone (916) 972-7989) will be conducting this sale.

Unless a written waiver is obtained from management/plaintiff, the mobilehome and contents must be removed from the present location within 10 days.

DATED: November 6, 2003
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES IN YOLOBUS EXPRESS COMMUTE TRANSIT SERVICE

On Monday, December 8, 2003, the Yolo County Transportation District will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed changes in the YOLOBUS commute express services, namely Routes 39, 43, 44, 45, 230, 231, and 232. The hearing will take place at 7:15 p.m., in the Woodland City Council Chambers, 300 First Street, Woodland, California.

It is proposed that these express routes change their routing in downtown Sacramento to directly serve the "East-end Project" and there will be slight changes in the schedules. Copies of these proposed changes are on the Yolobus express commute buses or can be obtained from the Yolo County Transportation District offices.

It is proposed that these service changes start on or after January 1, 2004.

Those wishing to provide input at the hearing are encouraged to attend. Those who cannot attend the public hearing can write to the District with their suggestions and comments. The mailing address is: Yolo County Transportation District,. 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776. Phone calls to the District at 530-661-0816 can also be placed.

November 18, 2003
Nov 26

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Attempt the impossible in order to improve your work.

—Bette Davis

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Man's security comes from within himself.

—Manly Hall

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-970

The following person is doing business as Crop til ya' Drop, 1554 Limewood Rd., West Sac., CA 95691:

Nadine Zalutka, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 16 Oct. '03.

/s/Nadine Zalutka

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 21, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-955

The following person is doing business as Document Fulfillment Services, 1600 Raley Court, #30, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

BIT California, LLC, 6955 Sierra Ct., #204, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/BIT California, LLC, by /s/ Steven Shill, Manager

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-932

The following person is doing business as Kay's Body Shop Inc., R&K Septic and Tractor Service, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Richard L. Holland and Vivian K. Holland, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/03.

/s/Richard Lynn Holland, President
/s/Vivian K. Holland, Vice President

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Date: Oct. 10, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN No: 2002-947

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Service Team of Professionals of Davis, located at 1205 L Street, Davis CA 95616.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 22 Nov. 2002.

David Hill, 1205 L St., Davis CA 95616.

This business was conducted by .

/s/David Hill

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk/ Recorder
By: /s/Linda Smith
Date: Oct. 22, 2003
Nov 5 12 19 26

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-911

The following person is doing business as Capay Valley Florist, 16915 Yolo Ave., Esparto CA 95627:

Anna McNamara, 26821 Madison St., Esparto CA 95627.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Anna McNamara

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Date: Oct. 6, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
Nov 5 12 19 26

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-977

The following person is doing business as Family Barber Shop, 117 W. Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Vicki L. Thompson, 331 Redwing Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/27/03. Previous fictitious business name number: 98-647.

/s/Vicki L. Thompson

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Date: Oct. 24, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their meeting on December 3, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 03-16, amending the zoning map from general commercial planned development 23 to community commercial planned development 45 for the Riverpoint project.

Nov 26

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, January 6, 2004** for the:

Park Boulevard, Alabama Avenue & West Capitol Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work consists of the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer main by the installation of a pipe liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, internally reinstating lateral services, and sealing sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning and video inspection of sanitary sewer main; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlet; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main; possible lining of service laterals and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein. In addition, the work shall also include the replacement of any pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter or public and private improvements removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract, as well as, all necessary traffic control.

First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. The work, to be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed, consists of the placement of a folded and formed polyvinyl chloride (PVC) liner into the exiting gravity sewer line, sealing sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, internally reinstating lateral services, and sealing sanitary sewer manholes. The work shall also include pre-cleaning and video inspection of sanitary sewer main; installation of a sanitary sewer manhole and flushing inlet; possible spot repairs along sanitary sewer main and all related components necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract plans and/or specified herein.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **sixty-five (65)** working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. First order of work shall be all work identified on sheets 3, 4 and 5 of the Contract Plans and specified herein regarding Park Boulevard. All first order of work as identified on the Contract plans and/or specified herein shall be completed within twenty-five (25) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids. Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-34" Pipeline** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work. It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-957

The following person is doing business as Chroma Salon, 1059 Court St., Suite 118, Woodland CA 95776:

Christina E. Martin, 6 Plane Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Christina Martin

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Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Yolobus 371-2877 To Sac. Airport

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-1023

The following person is doing business as Christopher Hollow Partners, 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616:

Steve Boschken, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/03.

/s/Steve Boschken, General Partner

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2003
File No. 2003-980

The following person is doing business as Manna Korean Japanese Cuisine, 622 3rd St., Davis CA 95616:

Grace M. Ahn and Lana M. Ahn, 1713 Arena Dr., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/27/03.

/s/Grace M. Ahn
/s/Lana M. Ahn

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State of California
County of Yolo
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Date: Oct. 27, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 10, 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Abandonment of a right-of-way (pursuant to Resolution 03-113) at Eighth Street & F Street . A map showing the portion to be vacated is on file at the office of the City Clerk, 1110. W. Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 7, 2003
File No. 2003-916

The following person is doing business as 866DEBT CUT, 3329 Bonaire Rd.:

Jason Cheng, 3329 Bonaire Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/03.

/s/Jason Cheng

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 7, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk
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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the Presidential Primary Election a measure will be submitted to the voters within the City of West Sacramento on March 2, 2004

Arguments for or against the measure for Direct Election of the City's Mayor may be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor, West Sacramento, CA, no later than 5 pm on December 5, 2003, which has been determined, under the authority of Section 9286 of the Elections Code, to be a reasonable date based upon the time necessary to prepare and submit written verified arguments. **No argument shall exceed 300 words in length.**

If more than one argument for or against the measure is submitted within the time prescribed, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters.

In selecting the argument the city elections official shall give preference and priority, in the order named, to the arguments of the following: (a) The legislative body, or members of the legislative body authorized by that body. (b) The individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure. (c) Bona fide associations of citizens. (d) Individual voters who are eligible to vote o the measure.

When the city elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the city elections official shall send copies of the arguments submitted to each of the authors in favor and against Direct Election of the City's Mayor.

The authors may prepare and submit **rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words**. The rebuttal arguments must be filed with the city elections official no later than 5 pm on **December 15, 2003**

Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut.

Dated: November 21, 2003
S/Helen M. Kanowsky
City Clerk/election Official
City of West Sacramento
Nov 26

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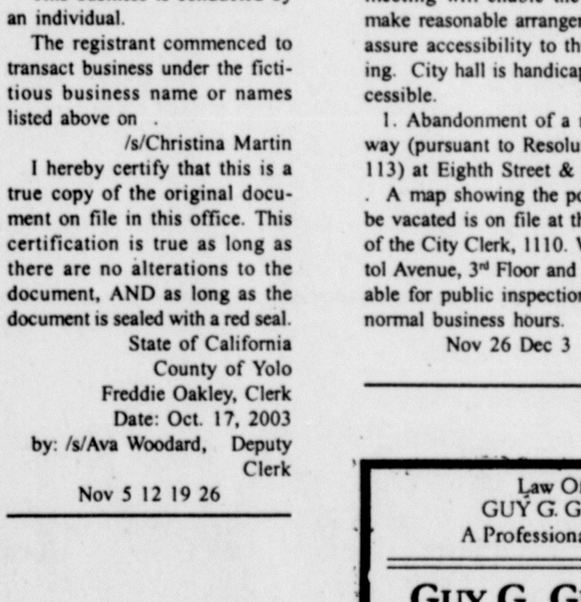

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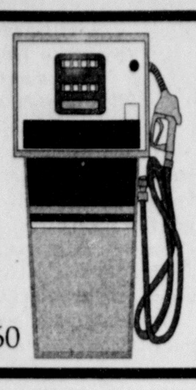

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Local Scene

Little League

West Sacramento Little League is holding online registration for the 2004 season. Interested parents may visit www.WESTSACLL.com to register. For more information, call Rick Hart, (916) 417-8406, or email him at Rick@sierrahart.net.

Preschool

Discovery Preschool, the newest preschool in West Sacramento, will take registration beginning Dec. 8 for the session beginning in January. The preschool includes an educational program with certified teachers and new equipment and supplies. Open to kids age 3-5; all students must be potty trained. Call 617-4620.

Gifts of food

The city parks department is offering a class on "Holiday Food Gifts From Your Home" on Dec. 6. Included will be white peppermint bark, cashew bark, hot cocoa mocha mix, biscotti and other items. Pre-registration is necessary. Call 617-4620.

Christmas party

The Bryte Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars post will host a Christmas party for children at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14. Kids 10 and under are invited. There will be a clown, refreshments, gifts, and a visit with Santa. 1708 Lisbon Ave., West Sacramento. Call 371-9126.

Tree lighting

West Sacramento's city "holiday tree" will be lit up in a ceremony from 6-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Hot apple cider, cookies, music and pictures with Santa. Sponsors include the Port of Sacramento, West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the city parks department.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on Nov. 29 at the county building on Jefferson Blvd. from 8-9:30 a.m.; the Community Lutheran Church at Jackson & Drever, 9-9:45 a.m.; Yolo Housing Authority at 685 Lighthouse Dr., 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and the Clarksburg Firehouse, 10-11 a.m. Items may include tuna, walnuts, tomatoes, tomato soup, pineapple juice, peanut butter, corn syrup, pudding and peaches. Call (530) 758-6821 for eligibility information.

Craft faire

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Christmas Craft Faire on Sat., Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1990 Linden Road. A $2 hot dog lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To rent table space for your wares, call 371-9416.

Raise Dickens

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels, will return Sat., Dec. 6, as a fundraiser to benefit the meal program for homebound seniors. There will be a tour of at least six beautiful Woodland homes dressed up in holiday splendor. Tickets are $25. Call (530) 662-7035.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is requesting nominations for the annual John Siden Award, given to someone who has given outstanding service in a health-related field or has otherwise contributed significantly to the health and welfare of the West Sacramento community. For information on criteria and making a nomination, call 375-6340.

Basketball

Signups are being accepted for the city parks department's youth basketball league, called the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA. Games are played weekends, with weekday practices. Age categories from 5-13. $45 per player includes jersey and award. Entry deadline is Dec. 5. Player evaluation is scheduled for Dec. 6 at Golden State Middle School, and all players and coaches must attend. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

SEND YOUR 'Local Scene' item to the News-Ledger, PO Box 463, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Deadline is Friday prior to publication; submit a week early for best chance of publication.

Santa comes to town

By Cathy Lorda

Have you been naughty or nice this year? Why you ask? Because Santa will be visiting the Yolo County Library on Saturday, December 6th at 1 p.m.

Santa's helpers baked a bunch of cookies but forgot to decorate them. Come and help Santa create cookie masterpieces using frosting and sprinkles. Stories will also be shared and a display of holiday books will be on display for your viewing pleasure.

So, if you've been meaning to write Santa a letter, but forgot, here's your chance to tell him in person. See you on Saturday, December 6th. And bring your camera so you can capture the moment with Santa.

The East Yolo Friends of the Library sponsor this program. Our library is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. For more information, please call 375-6465.

Please keep your 'Local Scene' calendar item brief, and send it to:
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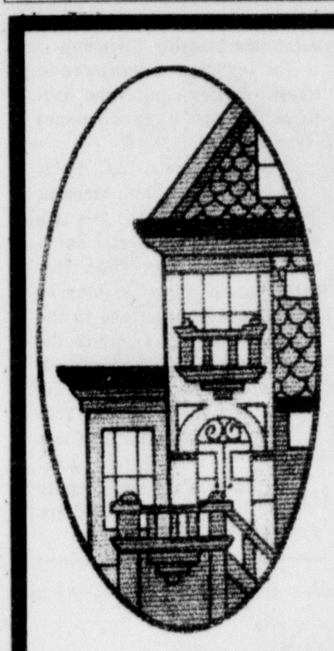

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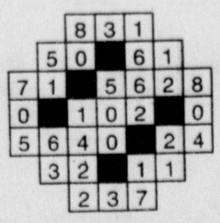
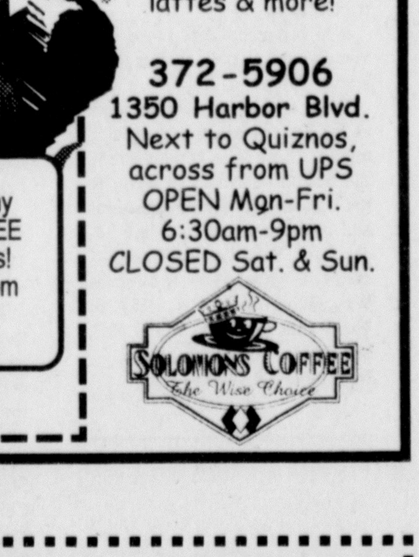
Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers:

1. September of 1992.
2. Baltimore's Buddy Groom. He appeared in 60 games in 2003.
3. The Los Angeles Rams beat Tampa Bay 9-0 in 1980.
4. Andre Miller of the University of Utah in 1998.
5. Joe Mullen and Joe Nieuwendyk each had 51 goals.
6. He has won three Super Bowls and two NASCAR championships.
7. Rod Laver beat Emerson in four sets in the '62 final.



Differences: 1. Plant is on table. 2. Woman's bow is missing. 3. Picture is hung on wall. 4. Box is different. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Cabinet has no doors.